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For: **VALVE FOR A SAFETY TIRE FILLING ADAPTER WITH A COUPLER PRESSURE
RELEASED ADAPTER AND PRESSURE RELEASED METHOD**

REQUEST FOR REFUND

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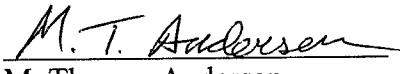
Sir:

Applicant hereby respectfully requests a refund in the amount of \$420.00. This refund is to be credited to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

A charge in the amount of \$420.00 to Deposit Account No. 19-4880 occurred on October 21, 2008, because of a purported excess independent claim fee. An amendment was filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 on September 26, 2009, in which only one independent claim was filed (claim 1). Each of the remaining claims refer directly or indirectly to claim 1 and should therefore have been regarded as dependent claims, thus rendering the excess claim fee of \$420.00 unnecessary and improper.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests a refund in the amount of \$420.00 for the charge that occurred on October 21, 2008 to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

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